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Mr. John T. Campbell, Head  
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Dear John:

Our FEIS plans for Africa have received a setback. The Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of Ghana does not consider it propitious that a monitoring service be established in Ghana. At the same time, our consumers have revealed a stronger interest in West Africa than last year.

In considering further courses of action, the possibility of Nigeria arises. We have no way of knowing how favorably disposed a newly established government there might be toward FEIS, but possibly it would be easier to retain an established station than to start a new one. We did not include Nigeria in our 1956 field survey, and before making formal overtures would need some on-the-spot observations there. This would entail sending one man with a small portable receiver to a few places in Nigeria, laying on arrangements through the American Consulate in Lagos.  cruising monitor at Kyrenia and a member of our previous African survey team, would be a likely man for the job.

Informally and personally could you give me your frank views on these proposals? Your reply would be held in strictest confidence.

Sincerely,

Chief, FEIS

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